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The Honorable James R. Dupont  
Chairman, Flathead County Board  
of Commissioners  
800 South Main Street  
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Dear Mr. Dupont:

Enclosed for your information are Preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for your community that reflects appropriate changes based on our technical evaluation of available data. A summary of the changes made to the FIS report and FIRM panels is enclosed.

To assist us in processing the revised FIS report and FIRM in a timely manner, we request that your community review the enclosed copies and submit any changes or comments within 30 days of the date of this letter. Any comments received during this 30-day period will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate before final publication of the FIS report and FIRM. At the end of the comment period, we will initiate a 90-day appeal period. You will receive formal notification of the 90-day appeal period. During this time, community officials and/or interested parties may submit scientific or technical information that would serve to refute the proposed base flood elevations presented in the revised FIS report and maps. Notification of this appeal period will also appear in your local newspaper and in the Federal Register.

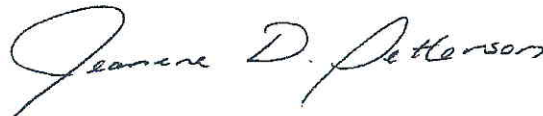
To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions to document previous Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment, Letters of Map Revision) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based are being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that

reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the revised FIRM and will become effective 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective. For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the revised FIRM becomes effective.

We maintain information about map features, such as street locations and names, in or near designated flood hazard areas. Requests to revise such information in or near designated flood hazard areas may be provided during the community review period or during the statutory 90-day appeal period. Approved requests for changes will be shown on the final printed map(s).

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please contact me at the FEMA Region VIII Office, located at the Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Post Office Box 25267, Denver, Colorado 80225-0267, or by telephone at 303-235-4800 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the enclosed Preliminary Summary of Map Actions, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877 FEMA MAP).

Sincerely,



**Jeanine D. Petterson**  
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Enclosure

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